

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the interview held on March 3, 2004. Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. Applicants respectfully submit that FIG. 4B supports the recitation of the gap in added claims 31-32, 50-51, and 62-63. Should the Examiner deem that a telephone conference would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7643.

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